Climate Induced Variation in the Basin Scale Zooplankton Community Structure in the North Pacific



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### DATA

#### **NP CPR Observation**



145-170°E

200-232°E (except coastal samples)

## METHODS



### Plankton Community & Size Structure Do Matter

Recruitment

Success

**High Fat** 

#### Large, cold-water spp.

mm

1 mm



Low Fat

Small, warm-water spp.



### Removal of Sampling Bias (Lat, Long, JD)



#### **Time Series CCS & SST (Western NP)**











#### PDO related Cool-Warm cycle likely affected Copepod Size Structure, But CCS responses to the Cool-Warm Cycle differ between EAST and WEST



WEST: Inconsistent to the conventional theory: larger (smaller) in cooler (warmer) condition

#### **CCS vs PC Score**



### **CCS vs PC Time-series**



**WEST** 



EAST



**PC2 Group** *Neocalanus plumchrus* IV & V, *N. cristatus* IV & V, *M. pacifica* 



**PC2 Group** *Paracalanus* spp, *Pseudocalanus* spp *Oithona* spp,

**WEST**: More Cold Water spp. in the warming condition => Why?

# DISCUSSION

### **Temperature Envelope**



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### East-West Discrepancy on Cool-Warm cycle & Copepod Size - Other Studies -

#### Warm & Larger

Warming could positively affect on growth/production of cold-water species, e.g. by good-match with phytoplankton seasonality *(Chiba et al., 2006 & 2008)*.





#### Warm & Smaller

Regional warming and increase of warmwater (small) species could be induced by northward advection transport driven by the oceanic currents dynamics (*Kiester et al., 2011*).



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Mechanisms which drive cool-warm condition and plankton community variability differ bw/ East and West



#### Seasonal Mixed Layer – Bottom-up Process

Within the SST-Envelope...



Advenction Transport by

Ocean Circulation

### Current Dynamics

#### Out of the SST-Envelope...





Cool-warm dipole cycle related to the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO) altered the zooplankton community structure after 2006/2007 over the North Pacific.

But the observed responses to temperature change were opposite between the Eastern and Western North Pacific.

Different climate-ocean controls are suggested to have induced the observed east-west contrast in cool-warm cycle and zooplankton community variability: Seasonal mixedlayer bottom-up process in WEST, and Advection control in EAST.

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